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RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

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Agency Name: Board of Dentistry, Department of Health Professions

Chapters affected:

VAC No. (e.g., 4 VAC 20-490):	Chapter Name (e.g., Regulations Pertaining to Sharks):
18 VAC 60-20	Regulations Governing the Practice of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

Statutory Authority: Sections 54.1-2400 and 54.1-2715 of the Code of Virginia

Name of petitioner: Stephanie D. Sawyer

Nature of petitioner's request: To amend section 90 on temporary licensure to allow a person who has not passed the licensing examination to continue practice with a temporary license provided he continues to work for a non-profit organization.

INITIAL AGENCY NOTICE

Agency's plan for disposition of the request: The Board will consider the petition and any comment received at its meeting on April 9, 2004.

Comments may be submitted until April 1, 2004

AGENCY DECISION

☐ Request Granted

☒ Request Denied

Statement of reasons for decision: The Board voted to deny the petition because the temporary permit holder may never have been licensed to practice dentistry by any jurisdiction and may never have passed an examination testing minimal competency. To allow a person to continue practicing dentistry without licensure or passage of an examination does not provide adequate protection for the public health and safety. According to the Code of Virginia, the temporary license is valid for two years to give the application sufficient time to take and pass the required examination.

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